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THREE ST. JOSEPH RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three St. Joseph, Mo., residents were sentenced in federal court today for their role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Maurice Thornton, 49, **Patricia R. Williams**, 38, and **Patricia W. Stillman**, 50, all of St. Joseph, were sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple this morning. **Thornton** was sentenced to four years in federal prison without parole, **Williams** was sentenced to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole, and **Stillman** was sentenced to two years in federal prison without parole.

On March 30, 2005, **Maurice Thornton**, 49, of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty to using a telephone and cellular telephone to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003.

On April 27, 2005, **Patricia R. Williams**, 38, of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty to maintaining a residence for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and July 2, 2003.

On May 19, 2005, **Patricia W. Stillman**, 50, of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty to using a telephone and cellular telephone to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003.

Six other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty to their role in the crack cocaine conspiracy.

On Oct. 26, 2005, **Loren W. May, Sr.**, 48, of St. Joseph, was found guilty by a federal jury of his involvement in the conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. Specifically, **May** was

found guilty of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and Dec. 14, 2004, in Buchanan County, Mo.

On May 26, 2005, **Ramone D. Stillman**, 25, of St. Joseph, and brothers **Loren W. May, Jr.**, 24, **Derrick L. May**, 19, and **Jorael E. May**, 22, all of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute between 500 and 1,500 grams of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and Dec. 14, 2004.

On May 17, 2005, **Karlo L. Ginn**, 23, of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and Dec. 14, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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